

Conner Training



Purpose	This fund provides financial support to transition individuals currently residing in the two State Resource Centers to community living settings of their choice. Conner Training annual appropriation is mandated by a consent decree in 1994.							
Who Is Helped	Conner Training funds provide training and educational materials to assist people living in the State Resource Centers who wish to move to home or community settings.							
Services	<p>The Department contracts with the Center for Excellence at the University of Iowa to administer this funding.</p> <p>Transition Services: Conner funding helps to fill small funding gaps for people transitioning to home or community care or remaining in their community placements. It covers items such as rent, utilities, and other items for interim housing needs. Most transition funding comes from Medicaid or other sources.</p> <p>Education Services: Conner funds support the www.disabilitytraining.org website, the “Let’s Talk Disability” blog, the <i>Possibilities</i> newsletter, and a Facebook page.</p>	<p>Expenditures SFY14</p> <table><caption>Expenditures SFY14 (Thousands)</caption><thead><tr><th>Category</th><th>Expenditure (Thousands)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Services</td><td>22</td></tr><tr><td>Education</td><td>12</td></tr></tbody></table>	Category	Expenditure (Thousands)	Services	22	Education	12
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Goals & Strategies	<p>Goal: Promote choice for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide gap funding and education.</p>	<p>Results in SFY14:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22 individuals transitioning from the resource centers were supported by Conner funds.• 1 individual who had resided in a resource center was supported in remaining in the community.						
Cost of Services	Of the \$33,622 appropriation in SFY14, \$20,676 supported the transition of 22 individuals moving to community settings and 1 individual to remain in their community. The average cost per person was \$940. About \$12,946 was expended to support the Disabilitytraining.org website and other educational media.							
Funding Sources	Conner funding is entirely state general fund.							
SFY16 & SFY17 Budget Drivers	The appropriation is constant from year to year at \$33,622.							
Legal Basis	<p>State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Iowa General Assembly was mandated to annually fund the Conner Training by the consent decree of Conner v. Branstad, No. 4-86-CV-30871 (433 S.D. Iowa, July 14, 1994).							